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8 July 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on Terrorism for SSCI Staff (C)

1. On 8 July the second portion of the briefing on worldwide terrorism issues for the SSCI staff was held in SH219. The following persons were present:

SSCI Staffers--Jim Dykstra, Britt Snider, Charles Battaglia, Ed Levine, Char King, Blyth Thomas, Bob Morgan, John DesPres, Chris Straub, Paul Joyal, Jerry Montoya, Jerry Cater.

FBI--Steve Pomerantz, Richard Schucker, George Van Balen, Steve Hooks.

DIA-[redacted] 25X1

CIA--Andre LeGallo, NIO/CT, [redacted] 25X1
NESA, [redacted] CTC, [redacted] OCA. A transcript was 25X1
not taken. [redacted] 25X1

2. Most of the session was devoted to FBI discussion on domestic terrorism. [redacted] of DIA discussed Latin American terrorism, including events in Peru, Colombia and Cuban involvement in terrorism. [redacted] 25X1

3. [redacted] discussed the 17 November organization attack on Capt. Nordeen indicating that 17 November is the only West European terrorist organization targetting Americans. We believe that the threat is likely to exist for some time and the intensity appears to be picking up. There have been 16 attacks since 1975 with three Americans dead and 27 wounded. [redacted] 25X1

4. [redacted] noted that the group has improved its capability to match its attack to the target. The Nordeen case was the first time they successfully carried out a bombing attack. In other instances the bombs had not gone off at the proper time, although some persons were injured. [redacted] 25X1
said that we have never had information on the size, structure, and membership of the organization. He stated that the Greeks [redacted] 25X1

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have made some efforts against the organization but that some members of the current ruling party have some ties to the 17 November group. We do not believe that the group needs much money to operate. [redacted]

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5. Mr. LeGallo noted that the former Greek Minister of Public Order twice told the US Ambassador that he was very close to a breakthrough on the group. That Minister was fired. The new Deputy Minister of Public Order, Vaykrakis was jailed in 1971 for planning attacks on the US Ambassador. He escaped and was jailed in Albania then trained in Libya. [redacted]

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6. [redacted] of NESAs and [redacted] of NESAs discussed terrorism in Pakistan. [redacted] said that terrorist efforts in 1988 are confined to the NWFP after two years of bombings in other parts of Pakistan. They are now directed at Afghan targets except for the 25 June bombing of the hotel in Peshawar. We do not believe that the bombing has had any impact on Pakistani resolve to support the resistance. Zia's dismissal of Junje ended any change of pressure on Afghanistan support. There may be some problems by 1989-1990 if Pakistan policy has failed and refugees are still in the country. [redacted]

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7. Mr. LeGallo provided information on the Iranian reaction to the Iran Air 655 shoot down. He said that we believe Iran has been looking at US targets for some time now. Hizbolla and Revolutionary Guards leader plan to attack US targets in Western Europe and Kuwait. [redacted]

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[redacted] Mr. LeGallo noted that the Iranian Ambassadors in West Germany, Switzerland, France and Italy had roles in taking the US embassy and holding hostages. [redacted] that the ANO has agreed to Iranian request to hit a US target. [redacted]

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[redacted] The Iranians and ANO have talked in the last year or so. The ANO wants an Iranian base. If Iran and ANO have reached agreement, it would be a major new development. [redacted]

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8. Hizbolla has threatened to harm hostages but we do not think dead hostages are valuable to them. We have reports that Iran was in touch with Pakistani a student group offering money to kidnap a US official. The students are a Shia group that is small and largely concentrated in Lahore. [redacted]

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